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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HERVE CHOLLET ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :  
(Based on PCT/FR00/02374)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: METHOD AND INSTALLATION  
FOR REMOVAL OF METAL  
CATIONS FROM A LIQUID BY  
RESINS WITH  
POLYAZACYCLOALKANES  
GRAFTED ON A SUPPORT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1 in which the conditioning of said resin is carried out by contacting said resin with a buffer solution, especially aqueous, in which the pH is 4 to 6, possibly preceded and/or followed by a rinsing of the resin with a major solvent of the liquid to be treated, especially with distilled water.